**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
**TEXTILES**
**LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:568
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2000
REVIEW OF HANDLOOM SCHEMES
SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether various welfare schemes are being implemented for the benefit of handloom weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have reviewed the implementation of these schemes in various States;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI KASHIRAM RANA )

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION N0. 568 RAISED BY SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/05/2000 REGARDING REVIEW OF HANDLOOM SCHEMES.

(a) & (b) Yes, sir. The following Welfare Schemes are being implemented by the Government of Indiafor the benefit of handloom weavers: -

1. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme:-

This Scheme was introduced with the objective of providinga dwelling unit and suitable work place to weavers to improve their productivity, quality of life and earnings. The assistance under the Scheme is Rs.7000/- for Rural Workshed and Rs.10,000/- for Urban Worksheds. The assistance is Rs.18,000/- for Rural Workshed-cum-Houses and Rs.20,000/- for Urban-Workshed-cum-Houses.

2. THRIFT FUND SCHEME:

The Scheme envisages the creation of a type of provident fund with contribution from the weavers, for facilitating them to meet expenses towards childrens`s education/medical expenses of family members and expenses in connection with marriage, and other religious ceremonies. The weavers contribute 8% of the wages and the Central and State Governments contribute 4% each.

3. HEALTH PACKAGE SCHEME:

This scheme extends financial assistance to weavers for the treatment of diseases like, asthma, TB, inflammation of the respiratory system, cost of testing of eyes and spectacles, supply of drinking water, maternity benefits to women weavers, payment of additional compensation for adopting permanent family planning measures and infrastructure for primary health care.

4. Group Insurance Scheme:

Group Insurance Scheme was introduced in order to meet the Socio-economic obligation of weavers towards his family and the uncertainity of his working capacity in old age. Under the scheme a weaver is provided an insurance coverage of Rs. 10,000/- for an annual premium of Rs. 120/-. The premium is shared equally among the beneficiary, State and Central Governments.

5. NEW INSURANCE SCHEME FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS.

In order to provide relief to handloom weavers, a New Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers was introduced during the year 1997-98 through United India Insurance Scheme. The New Insurance Scheme provides enhanced coverage against various types of risk at the same premium of Rs.120/- . The share of Central Government has been increased from Rs. 40/- per annum to Rs. 60/- per annum and consequently the financial burden on handloom weavers towards payment of premium has reduced from Rs. 40/- per annum to Rs. 20/- per annum.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Central Government reviews the implementation of these schemes from time to time.Such reviews are an on going process. The details of the performance of the States in the implementation of these schemes is given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE TO PART (c) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.568 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.05.2000 RAISED BY SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN REGARDING REVIEW OF HANDLOOM SCHEMES.

(Amount Rs. in lakhs)

| Sl.No. Name of the State | Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme | | | Thirft Funds Scheme | | | Health Package Scheme | | | Group Insurance Scheme | | | New Insurance Scheme. | |
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| | Amount Released. | Amount utilised | No. of units sanctioned. | Amount Released. | Amount utilised | No. of weavers to be covered. | Amount Released. | Amount utilised | No. of weavers to be covered. | Amount Released. | Amount utilised | No. of weavers to be covered | Amount Released & utilised.. | Weavers covered. |
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 1708.83 | 1368.63 | 16143 | 490.60 | 404.68 | 294614 | 724.48 | 637.49 | 140302 | 104.41 | 88.41 | 276000 | 60.45 | 100756 |
| 2. Arunachal Pradesh | 122.39 | 50.31 | 1169 | | | | 50.35 | | 11600 | | | | | |
| 3. Assam | 469.55 | 394.45 | 6099 | 39.60 | | 39600 | 274.52 | 250.12 | 68829 | 3.00 | | 7500 | 0.24 | 409 |
| 4. Bihar | 269.00 | 80.00 | 7433 | | | | 269.00 | 84.97 | 77850 | 5.28 | | 16300 | 5.94 | 9888 |
| 5. Gujarat | 16.39 | 6.39 | 14160 | 23.20 | 16.16 | 38.70 | 5.10 | 3.51 | | 14295 | 5.42 | 9027 | | |
| 6. Haryana | | 7.88 | 1100 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Himachal Pradesh | 165.27 | 142.35 | 3653 | | | | 0.63 | 0.59 | 290 | | | | | |
| 8. J & K | 26.59 | 10.95 | 1009 | | | | 14.99 | 4.35 | 2746 | | | | | |
| 9. Karnataka | 671.23 | 538.84 | 11472 | 85.00 | 5.60 | 14510 | 121.83 | 91.68 | 32204 | 60.00 | 40.00 | 150000 | | |
| 10. Kerala | 384.36 | 294.36 | 4211 | 2.49 | | 3298 | 165.63 | 159.25 | 23000 | | 3.00 | 5000 | | |
| 11. Madhya Pradesh | 370.79 | 170.79 | 4893 | 36.61 | 33.65 | 25141 | 39.44 | 24.01 | 119825 | 5.22 | 5.22 | 13052 | 4.38 | 7302 |
| 12. Maharashtra | 213.46 | 88.47 | 4580 | 61.41 | 35.53 | 106335 | 70.35 | 50.14 | 22781 | | | | | |
| 13. Manipur | 349.10 | 221.60 | 6986 | 2.65 | | 2650 | 52.35 | 38.08 | 12000 | 0.72 | | 1800 | | |
| 14. Meghalaya. | 8.13 | 2.60 | 223 | | | | 7.44 | 5.48 | 2803 | | | | | |
| 15. Mizoram. | 27.60 | 14.00 | 670 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16. Nagaland. | 711.03 | 517.03 | 6332 | | | | 108.06 | 88.69 | 17630 | | | | | |
| 17. Orissa | 614.54 | 428.48 | 11944 | 170.00 | 114.00 | 150875 | 124.00 | 91.98 | 29373 | 38.80 | 38.80 | 97000 | 18.00 | 30000 |
| 18. Rajasthan. | 284.50 | 185.76 | 4689 | 6.65 | 4.65 | 6200 | 50.50 | 36.94 | 9384 | | 3.04 | 5059 | | |
| 19 Sikkim | 100.00 | 24.46 | 1000 | | | | 37.60 | 18.80 | 6000 | | | | | |
| 20. Tamil Nadu | 1100.20 | 900.28 | 10458 | 1399.27 | 1158.12 | 1183982 | 543.79 | 460.73 | 69862 | 245.69 | 209.00 | 822622 | | |
| 21. Tripura | 110.55 | 96.50 | 2930 | 0.23 | | 36 | 99.34 | 88.76 | 19940 | | 0.51 | 850 | | |
| 22. Uttar Pradesh | 594.50 | 391.43 | 11637 | 59.10 | 27.12 | 58530 | 356.78 | 305.82 | 68759 | 32.00 | 12.00 | 80000 | 0.29 | 490 |

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| 23. West Bengal | 250.22 | 250.22 | 6700 | 69.00 | 42.54 | 77405 | 39.30 | 25.25 | 7700 | 15.46 | 12.58 | 40750 |
| 24. Delhi | 1.50 | | 1500 | | | | | | | | | |